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The Annual Sports

Were the Very Best Ever Given by the Windermere Association

The Eighth Annual Windermere Races & Sports held at Windermere last Friday and Saturday proved the best yet given by the Association in point of good sports and general satisfaction to all who attended, although the actual attendance was perhaps not quite equal in numbers to that of some previous years, and that accounted for by the fact that none of the mines working closed down for the season as they were too busy getting in ore and doing development work at least being done to advantage at the season of the year.

Owing to the steamer Parmigan having a much heavier cargo of freight on her trip than usual she did not reach Windermere with the Golden excursion and those from the other ports along the river, until nearly 5 o'clock Friday afternoon, yet she made up for this delay by bringing up a much larger contingent from Golden than was expected.

On account of the late arrival of the boat and the fact that only a few of the Golden Rifle Association were present, the rifle match was postponed until a later date.

The Merry Dance.

That the first item on the program was the grand ball in the evening. To the untiring efforts of Officer Cameron and his staff of assistants in the much sought for the ball proved a complete success in every way. The hall had been decorated in a much more elaborate style than on any previous occasion and the floor was polished to be in perfect condition by those who participated in the dance. The music provided by Prof. and Mrs. Harrison came in for special favorable comment. Mrs. M. Cameron supplied the supper, which was one of the very best ever provided, the numerous variety of sandwiches, cakes, etc., being of exceptionally good quality and of great quantity, while the ice cream was delicious. Dancing continued until about 2 a.m.

Sweepstake Shooting.

Sharp on time Saturday morning the Sweepstake Shooting match started, with eleven men entered for the contest, and it is safe to say that not one of them ever before made poorer shooting in their lives and one and all admitted that they could not invent a plausible excuse of any kind for it. The trap was operated by Lawrence Miller, who made a record, for not a miss did he make in working it; and only once did Captain Bacon, the referee, call "No bird." The light also was good, and it is indeed, very strange why so many men, who are known to be good shots, make such scores. Nevertheless, a shooting, as little was manifested in the morning, as little Willie Taynton (14 years of age) took the lead up to the seventh round and until the sixth round when, as G. A. Warren scored in the tenth and won first money. Four were left to shoot for second prize and when all missed for two rounds the spectators were greatly amused. Then Willie scored in the third and the cheering was loud, but as Mother, Keop and Clark also scored another round was shot. Mr. Keop dropping out the crowd cheered furiously—the ladies doing a good share. Mr. Keop offered to divide the second prize, but Willie was too much a sportsman to accept and thus Mr. Keop got second, Willie Taynton third and Mr. Clark fourth prize, but as neither Mr. Warren or Mr. Keop had long to the last round, Willie Taynton was awarded the Hudson's Bay Co. cup for the highest score in the Windermere District Team. Great was the enthusiasm displayed by Willie's big and little

friends. Here is the score:

J. Sample	100010000-2
J. Taynton	100010000-2
Willie Taynton	110010000-1
C. Clark	101010000-1
J. Kirkpatrick	001000000-1
E. N. Russell	001000000-2
C. M. Keop	000101010-4
Chas. A. Warren	000110101-5
J. G. Black	101010000-5
F. P. Armstrong	000010000-1
Willie Taynton	00010
C. M. Keop	00011
Joe Lake	000

The Horse Races.

The horse races occupied the remaining portion of the morning and very keen interest was manifested in each race and heart, all of them being notable for their close finishes. Every race was won fairly and square and not once were the decisions rendered by Judges Bacon, Armstrong and Kirkpatrick disputed or even criticized and the riders in no instance tried in any way to act unfairly, each doing their best to win. The pools were sold by Dal. P. Kington and there was none of the friction in that that too often mars the pleasure for the ladies and the casual outsider. In brief, as a one-day summer sport, it was attended and the sports for eight years and Lake Windermere never seen better races and every one was for "blood!"

In the 300-Yard Pony Race four horses entered. In the first heat Clark's Pinto passed the winning post a head and neck ahead of Nap's Fanny, with Ed. Morgan's Bonner close in the rear. But in the second Bonner came in a head and half a neck past Fanny, with Clark very close. Then Bonner won again in the third a nose ahead of Pinto, with Fanny at his heels. Thus, Bonner was awarded first money and Pinto second. Miller's Brown being even in the rear.

The Quarter-Mile was won in two heats by Louis's Mile and Percy Lake's Grey second. Five horses entered the winning post a head and neck ahead of Nap's Fanny. In the first heat Bay was about three lengths ahead of Grey Eagle, with Black Bird and Leva's Roan about even third place. Again Bay took first place and Grey Eagle second in the second heat, with Roan in much the same position. Black Bird did not start, and C. A. Clark was last in each heat.

The Half-Mile in heats was very exciting, especially the third heat, which resulted in Grey Eagle taking first prize and Mitchell's Sorrel second, six horses contesting. Grey Eagle won the first heat by a length from Sorrel. In the next Fanny was a head in front of Sorrel and Grey Eagle close. In the third Grey Eagle won by a length from Sorrel, and Roan filling third place, while Mitchell's Roan and Isaac's Bay did not place in any heat.

Aquatic Sports.

After luncheon the aquatic sports were most heartily entered into and proved very interesting. The steamer Parmigan had moved around near the boat house and across her bow was lashed a great long pole which projected out over the water and was a lovely coating of awl grease. The walking of this greasy pole created great laughter as one after another the participants tumbled and fell into the water. Finally it was decided to wash the grease off and the prizes were won by two ladies only. The water polo team were then ready for action. Besides the Trophy match,

offered by Capt. Armstrong and Hon. W. C. Wells, Capt. Armstrong and Mr. Bruce generously offered \$30 as a second prize, and Mr. Bruce offered the Wilmer team another \$50 if they won the shield. The steamer Parmigan team, comprising Capt. Armstrong, E. S. Russell, P. Patmore, J. Leva, B. Nells and D. Bower, and the Wilmer team, composed of Capt. F. L. Snook, A. Woods, Jas. Lambert, H. B. George, W. Haymore, W. P. Evans and D. Jenkins, took to the water first. The game was hard fought and there was plenty of fun for the spectators on the boat and shore. The ball was kept pretty close to the Parmigan goal throughout the first innings and when 10 minutes was up time was called and Wilmer was allowed to score one goal. Then the Parmigan team said they were willing to play in Wilmer's favor. It should be mentioned that Capt. Snook did not play in any game.

After a short rest Wilmer and Wilmer were teamed up at it, the latter comprising of Capt. E. S. G. Sayth, H. St. J. Montzomero, S. Craig, H. Stewart, J. Ed. Stohart, B. Hewson and P. Hart. It was easily seen that the Wilmer team had the best of it from the very start and that Wilmer lacked in practice and good swimmers as compared with their opponents, while the Wilmer team had system and practice in handling the ball. When time was called Wilmer had scored three goals and Wilmer made, and as the latter had had enough Wilmer was awarded first prize and Wilmer second.

The gunnery race resulted in D. Woods winning first prize and V. F. F. second.

Joe Lake and P. Hart won first place in the tandem canoe race and F. L. Snook and R. S. Gallup second.

Athletic Sports.

100-Yard Foot Race—F. L. Snook 1st and S. Hewson 2nd.

Three Legged Race—P. Lake and R. Griffith 1st and J. Charles and F. Morgan 2nd.

Sack Race—Ed. Joe 1st and Louis Joe 2nd.

Square Race—Catherine 1st and Agnes 2nd.

Girls Foot Race—Mabel Colton 1st and Louise Morgan 2nd.

Boys Foot Race—B. Griffith 1st and S. Moore 2nd.

High Step and Jump—L. Charles 1st and S. Hewson 2nd.

officially interested enough to stop this fire which has already burned over an area 12 miles wide and 18 miles in length. The area burned is estimated at 216 miles. —Fort Steele Prospector.

The Golden races next Monday and Tuesday give promise of being very interesting, if one may judge by the program. Capt. Armstrong has offered a special rate of \$5 on the Parmigan for the round trip from all points along the river, which should induce quite a number to go from this district. Perhaps the greatest inducement offered is that a live brass band from Calgary is to provide music—this will be a great treat.

DISTRICT CROPPINGS

And Other Items of Interest in a General Way

Mrs. Thos. King was among the excursionists from Golden Friday.

High Macdonald made a business trip to Golden by Sunday's steamer.

R. R. Bruce left by Sunday's steamer for Golden en route to Winnipeg with "my boys."

Mrs. E. F. Bush and son returned home to Wilmer on Friday's boat from a visit to Victoria. Ed. is very happy and proud of his young heir.

The first bundle of the coming railroad was landed in the valley last week. It was the running of the real estate man, which eventually proceeds a railway. It was reported that the C. P. R. had offered to buy the Ashcroft town site from J. L. McKay. Mr. McKay has not been reported as denying or confirming the report.

Dan P. Kington, who has been running a long tunnel on contract for the Beaver Canyon Mining Co., on McMurdo creek, came up the river Friday along with Frank Long, Bob Windfield and Frank Cotel. They have been in the hills working for nearly a year, except

Agricultural Meeting

Deputy Minister Anderson and Mr. Earl Lecure--Our Fruit Trees Second to None in the Province

Saturday R. A. Kington returned to Windermere from Golden accompanied by Mr. J. R. Anderson, Deputy Minister of Agriculture of British Columbia, Victoria, and Mr. Thos. G. Earl, of Lytton, one of the most prominent fruit growers of the Province and appointed delegate by the Minister of Agriculture to the Farmers' Institute, of which there are now 24 in the Province.

The gentlemen while enjoying the trip up the river, were especially impressed by the number of farms and beautiful homes in Windermere and vicinity. All points in every distance were visited and carefully examined.

Monday evening thirty farmers assembled in the Windermere Hall and spent two hours listening to a very interesting talk, Mr. Anderson said on being introduced by Mr. R. A. Kington, chairman of the meeting.

"My drive up the valley from Golden and my visit here has been a great pleasure. My mission through the Province is to visit Farmers' Institutes and to furnish information to those wishing to organize themselves into societies."

"Although you are now some distance from the railroad, from the present appearance of things, I believe you will soon have a line running through your valley. Rapid transit means market, and from the start you have made in planting fruit trees you will need outside market after supplying the home demand."

Mr. Earl, the veteran fruit-grower, said:

"Just 55 years ago today I arrived in California. For over 35 years I have been a fruit-grower in this Province, and I take great pride in being the first

planter of the Lucky Jack is ended there and a home there. Their own citrus have good showings of gold ore, with a lead 12 feet wide. They have some fine looking specimens of the ore with them. They intend to remain here to work for a time, and say that comparatively this camp is as lively as any in West Kootenay."

W. E. Avel has completed the assessment work on the Duchesne group, on Dutch creek, and reports a splendid showing of copper ore.

The numerous friends of Capt. Bacon were pleased to meet him at the races. This being his first trip up the river since he quit steamboating last year.

W. Haupt has 11 tons of Tecumseh ore at the Wilmer landing ready to be shipped to the smelter by next boat. From numerous samples assayed he estimates the ore will net about \$100 to the ton. He is employing men and proceeding to take out more ore for shipment.

On Friday Capt. Armstrong brought up fifteen lumbermen from Golden and since has started them to work taking out railway ties on Dutch creek. He has secured a large tract of muskeg timber land for this purpose and has made a contract with the C.P.R. to purchase all the ties he can deliver.

B. H. Washburn came down from the Chairmont group on Monday and reports that he has struck 15 inches of clear ore in the new crosscut. Yesterday he started back to the group with more supplies to further develop the property. Mr. Washburn accompanied him and will remain for three weeks.

shipper of fruit. I believe this valley is opening on a new era, and see no reason why fruit cannot be successfully grown here, and your vegetable wealth developed along with that of your great mineral wealth.

"I understand some trouble has been experienced in having young trees winter-killed. I think there is good cause for this, especially where you irrigate. Great care must be used to stop irrigating early enough in the fall to give the trees time to ripen, for if you do not winter-kill the sap in the new growth and your trees are gone. I have noticed that the growth of your trees are anxious to soak in the Province."

"Another important point is to select good hardy varieties. I am sure you have been victimized by unscrupulous tree salesmen. This is the reason so many trees die or appear to do so; some are already dead when shipped to you. Buy your trees in this Province. I can lay them down here for you in five to seven days at 30 cents, and warrant them to grow."

"Including I wish to say that if I ever have the pleasure of a visit to this valley again I hope to find you organized into an association. You will derive great benefit from it, and will watch with greater interest the growth of your farms."

Tuesday the party left for Fort Steele. The foreman has been kindly contributed new to those columns and who we desire to thank, as The Outcrop reporter was unable to attend the meeting, much to our regret. However, the reporter had a lengthy interview with Mr. Anderson in Wilmer Sunday morning, which was interesting and will be given next issue.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Brower were greatly missed from the races this year.

Mrs. A. B. McConaghan and the Misses Hunter were among those who attended the races from Golden."

Chas. Miller has had some development work done on the Silver Tip group and has uncovered ore at various points along the lead. Accompanied by Bert Simpson he started out to cross the summit to Kaslo on Monday.

The cup offered by Mr. B. C. Hammond of Toronto that is being competed for by members of the Windermere Rifle Association was on display at Windermere during the races. It is a very beautiful solid silver cup mounted on three rifles from a prettily designed stand. Whoever is lucky enough to win this cup may well be proud of it.

It is reported that all the lumbermen employed by the Columbia River Lumber Co. at Spillimacheen went out on strike last week on account of the company employing a Chinese cook. The company does their best to get the men to go to work but they left camp. Later a report is current that the company has secured a gang of men, who are now at work.

The steam pile-driver Muskrat came up the river Friday evening to repair the breakwater at Ashcroft. This is a new boat that was built last winter to take the place of the old dock and it is well equipped for the work along the river. Up and after giving instructions to his men concerning the work to be done at Ashcroft returned to Golden on the Friday night Sunday.

THE RAILWAY.

There is really very little news to be had concerning the construction of the Kootenay Central Railway through this valley, although it is the one theme of conversation and discussion. The latest reports to reach here are to the effect that the surveyors who started from Golden in this direction were camped about six miles from that town. The survey party working this way from Fort Steele is said to be making good progress. While no one will admit how or where they obtained their information there are a few who say that they have good, authentic reasons for believing that construction will follow immediately after the survey is completed.

A large forest fire is burning on the west side of the Kootenay river, south of Siskiyon, Clark. The fire started at Siskiyon Creek and is growing larger every day. It has spread over a large area, and is now travelling south at a rate of a mile every day. It has a width of from 12 to 15 miles, and has not reached a point about 15 miles south from where it started. A large amount of timber has been destroyed. It is said that the fire was started by a lightning bolt on Thursday and was saved after many hours fighting. No one apparently is

ing when the snowdrifts drive them out for a few weeks last spring, and they intend returning again next week. Frank Cotel has been far from well the past few days.

Geo. Crawford and partner came over the Tubb creek divide from Poplar last week. They own some good claims two claims away from the famed Lucky Jack gold claims at Poplar, for which they refused an offer of several thousand dollars just before they left. They report that at present Poplar is a dead camp, but believe that when the blizzards

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Publisher and Proprietor.

WILMER, B.C., THURSDAY, AUG. 11, 1904.

The two per cent mineral tax is still a live question—with the mine owners who are paying it.

With a railway running through this valley there will be no district in B. C. more prosperous than North East Kootenay. Get in on the ground-floor.

LOST—All trace of the Canadian mint that was to be. Anyone finding same may be rewarded by applying to western politicians when the next election floats around.

Nearly every newspaper in Kootenay has taken up the matter of a better system for protecting our forests from the fire fiends and it is to be sincerely hoped the agitation will be kept up until the Legislature formulates some scheme to adequately cope with the ruthless destruction of this resource. Every year we see millions of dollars worth of magnificent timber devoured by flames, when a few hundred dollars paid out to fire wardens might have saved most of it. It is, indeed, regrettable to see our mountains thus denuded of their wealth and if this is allowed to go on our picturesque scenery will give place to great barren rocks that will be far from attractive or pleasing to the eye. The loss of these forests is also detrimental to agricultural and mining pursuits, inasmuch as the mountain streams dry up and the timber must be had for building purposes, fire wood and timbering in the mines. In brief, the value of these forests cannot be over-estimated and it behooves the Legislature to make the most stringent laws for their protection and to see that they are rigidly enforced. One of our exchanges commenting on this says:

"It is high high time the Provincial authorities took active steps to deal with the forest fire evil. The system in vogue on Dominion timber lands in this Province might well be adopted. Paid fire wardens are employed all through the summer months to patrol the timber lands. It is the duty of these wardens to locate the place of origin of any bush fire, take immediate steps to prevent its spread and to spare no pains to ascertain how the fire was started and prosecute the offenders. The Provincial regulations dealing with bush fires are all right but officials whose special duty it is to enforce them are required. The slight expense this system of fire wardens would entail would be insignificant compared with the value of the timber that would be saved if these terrible fires could be curtailed."

One of those "Good Old Liberals" of this district has sent us the following clipping with the remarks: "I have culled this out of the Toronto Mail, a rank Conservative paper, and would like you to print it in The Outcrop. Don't you think Sir Wilfrid's 'foreigner' is alright after reading this?" Here is the clipping:

"Some of the English newspapers and some English people say that Scholes' victory is a popular win, but it is not. English scullers are particularly sore at a foreigner winning. 'The foreigner wins' was a remark heard hundred of times during Scholes' race at Henley. The coolness of the reception given to Scholes was particularly noticeable, which shows the win was not popular."

The Outcrop has noticed that the Toronto Globe used this same paragraph from a Mail cablegram in a recent issue and scores the Mail severely for saying in an editorial:

"Inquiry has been made touching the report printed as a Canadian Associated Press cable, that when Lou Scholes won the Diamond Sculls the English spectators pronounced him a foreigner. Nothing of the kind occurred. This reflection upon the English people was invented in Montreal by one of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's subsidized papers, in order to produce ill-feeling."

All The Outcrop has to say is that the two political parties are behaving very much like over-grown school boys might scrap over a game of marbles, and in future we may expect that "foreigner" will be included among the cuss words of Canadian political language and Sunday school boys will say, "That's a fightin' word!"

The latest system of transmitting pictures by wire—that of Prof. Korn of Munich—claims a vacuum light receiver as an important advance. Two hollow cylinders, one at the transmitting station and one at the receiving station, are rotated synchronously. The film carrying the picture to be sent is placed on the first cylinder, and a ray of light concentrated from a Nernst lamp is passed through it to a selenium cell in the interior. The fine pencil of light describes a spiral of short pitch, the light and shade of the picture causing the selenium cell to produce variations in an electric current passing to the receiver. The cylinder at the receiving end is covered with a photographic film, and a pencil of light from a vacuum lamp—fluctuating with the variations of the electric current—describes a spiral, registering the light and shade of the original picture. A photograph is transmitted in half an hour, 500 words of writing in about an hour.

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" " In transit.....	165
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Things Japan Has Not.

In a book on Japan Douglas Statten recounts the things that the Japanese have not. They have no bread, no boots, no locks and no shoes, no trousers for the men, no petticoats for the women. This sounds alarming, but both sexes wear instead several dressing gowns, one over the other, the kindness of commerce. In their houses they have no windows, no doors, no walls, no ceilings, no chests of drawers, not even a washing stand, and the wash is only a lot of boxes piled one on top of another. In the kitchen they have no range, no pots, no pans, no flour bins, no flour, no kitchen tables. But then, they have no tables or chairs in the drawing room, and in the real native house the drawing room itself is only a lot of bedrooms with their walls taken down. There is no reason why you should find anything in a Japanese home except mats and a charcoal stove for warming your fingers and the toilet and committing Japan is full of cherry trees and plum trees, but they do without fruit. The cherries are used for the blossoms and the plums for hanging pots on.

Men and Animals in Water.

The animal has to advantage in any way in water over man, and yet the man drowns, while the animal swims. The dog, the horse, the cow and even the cat all take to the water and are able to walk as they do when out of water. Throw a dog into the stream, and at once he begins to walk just as he does on dry land. Why should a man, woman or child act differently under like circumstances? It seems strange that people have to be told to do what the animals do instinctively and naturally. Man's ignorance of so simple a thing as treading on or exorcising. There is a popular notion abroad that in some way the dog and other animals have an advantage over man in water. Nothing could be further from the truth. The advantage lies with man, who is provided with a paddle formed hand and knows enough to float when tired, something the animal rarely or never does.

Ancient Sports Among the Hebrews.

Pleasants are letter carriers, tradition tells us, were employed at the time when Joshua invaded Palestine as no drums of communication between headquarters and camps in lands far off on the other side of the Jordan. At the time of the Talmud they were used in training games. The Talmud tells us that betting was indulged in at the pigeon play. The owner of the pigeon which reached first the point designated was the winner.

Another play connected with betting was the kuba. Kuba means a small pot (Arabic kuba, small glass). The kuba was a little metal wherein dice were shaken and thrown upon the table. The dice were numbered as any modern ones are. Against these two games the Talmud was in arrear, and their players were not allowed to appear as witnesses before the bar.

Columbus and the Gulf Stream.

It is curious to note in the history of the gulf stream how great its influence has been on the fortunes of the new world. Before the discovery of America strange winds and fruits were frequently found on the shores of Europe and off lying islands. Some of these were seen and examined by Columbus, and to his thoughtful mind there was indubitable evidence of the fact that strange lands were not far to the westward. These winds were carried by the gulf stream and by the prevailing winds from the American continent, so that in part the gulf stream is responsible for the discovery of the new world.

Washington on the Russian.

England is always glad to get another citizen, but sometimes she goes about it in a strange manner, according to the Springfield Republican. A sailor deserted from a Russian battleship and joined an English crew on a faraway island. He told them that he was tired of the rule of the czar and wanted to become an English citizen. They were at a loss how to naturalize him, but finally each one threw a bucket of water on him and so washed off the Russian.

A Taxi Refusal.

In arguing a case in an English court the late Frederic Horne Coadger, whose wit was rapid-fire, took occasion to deprecate the legal learning of Lord Chancellor Fitzgerald, whom his opponent was quoting. The trial judge took much exception to this. "I have read his opinions," he said, "and I have often wished I knew as much law as he did." "I wish you did," retorted Coadger.

The Trouble.

"I wonder why Mr. Coadger goes to see Miss Frocks after she has rejected him so emphatically," remarked Lord Justice. "Just to pass away the time," suggested Tomkins.

"But the reason he was refused was that he had already passed away too much time."

Better Depths.

"Does going to Sparglows go much into society?" "Not much. But he did when he first came here. He got into it about \$2,000, thanks to his phrasing manners and his power of louch."

Paying For It.

"Before I was married," said the confounded pessimist, "I spent my money on candy, and as the result I have had to spend it on my wife's dentist bills."

Nothing is politically right which is morally wrong. O'Connell.

Dreadnoughts Smoke Cigars.

There is no reason why a dreadnought should not be partial to a good cigar. Most dreadnoughts, according to a magazine proprietor, are particularly fond of tobacco smoke and can be made to do almost anything under its influence.

"Travelers in Egypt," he asserts, "try more of tobacco smoke for their comfort over these huge beasts than they have elsewhere. When traveling on long journeys the dreadnoughts are in many cases required to travel night and day without rest, and the beasts are kept up to their tasks by smoking cigars. The driver carries a triangular piece of wood, which is pierced at one point into a cigar holder. This is inserted in the mouth of the beast, the cigar being lit and pressed into the hole in the same fashion followed by man.

"The dreadnought immediately closes its eyes and puffs away through its nostrils until the cigar is burned away. The indulgence appears to refresh it, and the driver has no difficulty in persuading the animal to pool on without further rest."—Pearson's.

Recess and France.

Emperor Sigismund of Germany, who reigned in the fifteenth century, in the speech in which he opened the council of Constantine uttered an expression which Cardinal Plessentius corrected. The emperor replied, "Plessentius, however agreeable you may be to others, you please us not when you assert that we have less authority than the trimmarians Plessentius, whom you say I have offended."

Napoleon used to excuse his errors in orthography with the saying, "A man occupied with public business cannot be expected to orthograph."

Voltaire upon receipt of his first letter from Frederick the Great told Frederick that he was a better French scholar than Louis XIV., who committed many mistakes. Frederick replied that Louis was a great monarch in many respects, and a mistake in spelling could not so tarnish the brilliancy of his reputation.

The Clever Brahman.

Speaking of the great power the Brahmins in India possess in recalling thought, a prominent Brahmin said recently: "We would consider a game of chess as played in this country were child's play. An ordinary Brahmin chess player could carry on three or four games at a time without inconvenience. The usual game played by the Brahmins consists in circulating with one pawn designated when the play begins. I have seen a man perform a long problem in multiplication and division at the same time noting the various sounds and discussions going on about him in the room."

A Great Old Man.

One Henry Jenkins died in England Dec. 6, 1900, at the alleged age of 103 years. He is said to have been a fisherman for 140 years. "Though," he could neither read nor write, his record of memory was such that he would calmly give evidence in court in matters on which his memory went back 100 and 140 years. As a boy he is said to have taken a horse load of arrows to Northampton to be forwarded north in time for the battle of Flodden. At the age of 100 years he used to swim a wide stream in Yorkshire with ease. He lived until four years after the great fire of London, was poor all his life, subsisted cheerfully by darning and salting fish.

Sandy's Reasoning.

A lady, meeting her neighbor in the grounds said to him: "Sandy, I am surprised that you do not marry. You have got a few loose coins and are also a weekly wage of 30 shillings. I think all you want to complete your happiness is a wife."

And to lead weight to her argument she asked, "Adam, who was the first gardener, was given a wife."

"True for ye, ma'am," replied Sandy, "but he hadn't her long till he lost his job."—London Tit-Bits.

Civilized and Enlightened.

Teachers—Can you tell me the difference between civilized and enlightened nations? Pupil—My old says enlightened nations manage to get along all right if they are let alone, but that enlightened nations have enough to let the civilized nations alone.

His Other Check.

"When an enemy sends me," said the pious looking hypocrite, "I always turn the other cheek."

"Why?" asked the man who knew him. "Do you want your enemy to go around with both hands disabled?"

As Far as He Knows.

"One of the prominent facts of our age," said the professor, "is an essential in the composition of the human body. What is it?"

"I know," shouted the grocer's boy. "Sand!"—Exchange.

Advice Not Free.

Lawyer—Well, you have at last decided to take an adviser and pay a bill of mine? Client—Yes, Lawyer. Very well, William, just add 10 shillings to Mr. Smith's bill for further advice.

Citing a Case.

Mr. Henpeck—We never know who our best friends are. Henpeck—That's my dear. Now, there's the fellow you fitted when you married me. He has never spoken to me since.

None knows the weight of another's lunacy.—Herbert.

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When men advertise timber limits 120 miles away from their stakes and there is a newspaper within 20 miles it looks rather suspicious and if legal, it should not be. But some men are so mean that they don't mind being suspected of wrongdoing. If they can show their viciousness. But then every person soon gets on to them and they never yet sent a country or an editor to the boy-wows.

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The Girl of the Netherlands.

The Dutch girl does not enjoy anything like the amount of freedom granted to her English or American sister. She is a very carefully chaperoned young person, and when she goes to the theater it is with her chaperon, not merely with a friend or two of her own age. At the dances she attends, songs, recitations and music for the entertainment of the elders form a part of the regular programme, and the chaperons sit at tables sociably enjoying their coffee or other refreshments, while the young folk glide over the waxed floor to the strains of the latest waltz. Dutch maidens have to make the best of their opportunities of amusement, for when it pleases their parents to seek the quiet of home they must needs accompany them. In their country the idea of a girl being unchaperoned at a dance is not yet thought of—at any rate, not yet—change.

Whistler Before Whistler.

Mortimer Menpes told the following story of Whistler, who was to deliver an address one day to the Society of British Artists: "The master at length entered, faultlessly dressed, waiting with a swinging, jaunty step, evidently quite delighted with himself and the world in general. He passed down the gallery, launching the assembled members, and walked up to his own picture. And there he stayed for quite fifteen minutes, regarding it with a satisfied expression, stepping now backward, now forward, catching his head and dusting the surface of the glass with a silk pocket handkerchief. We watched him open mouthed. Suddenly he turned round, looked upon us and uttered but two words—'Draw that!'—he took my arm and hurried me out of the gallery, taking violently the white."

A Battle of Languages.

Three or four languages strove for mastery in ancient Gaul, which is now France. German was spoken by the 12,000 Frank invaders. Popular Latin was spoken by 6,000,000 Gallo-Romans. Etruscan Latin was the language of the church and of literature. Low Latin was afterward the language of the administration. German was the first to succumb. In four centuries it ceased to be understood by the soldiers, and in seventy years more it had become an object of ridicule. But it survives in things of government, law and war, and thus forms no insignificant part of the French language.

Charity.

Every good act is charity. Giving water to the thirsty is charity. Removing stones and thorns from the road is charity. Exhorting your fellowmen to virtuous deeds is charity. Smiling in your brother's face is charity. Putting a wand in the right path is charity. A man's true worth is the good he does in this world. When he dies mortals will ask what property he has left behind him, but angels will inquire, "What good deeds hast thou sent before thee?"—Mohammed.

Broad Enough.

A large and stout woman called on a friend and while waiting for her was started at so intently by the friend's little children that she asked one of them: "What are you staring at, little girl?" "Why, you see, mamma said you were so narrow in your views, and I was wondering what view she got."

Not to Be Blamed.

If a self-made man is common enough, but we never hear of a self-made woman. She is considering the kind of article the men who are in the self-making business turn out, you can hardly blame the women for not taking it up.

The Good Way.

Nod—Awfully sorry to hear your house burned down. Did you save anything? "Told—Oh, yes! After some very lively work we succeeded in getting out all the things we didn't want."

An Improvement.

"I see the agent has sold you a carpet sweeper, Mrs. Maguire. Is it as good as the old-fashioned broom?" "It is a lot better, Mrs. Mulvihill. I can knock Maguire twice as far with it."

The General's Part.

"Say, Jimmie, how many men d'yer 'spose he's killed?" "Aw, c'ward! Don't yer see he's a general. Generals don't do no killing. Dey jest bosses de job."

Never make friends with the devil, a monkey or a boy. No man knows what tag will do next—Rudyard Kipling.

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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

London, Aug. 8.—The Times correspondent at Tokio under date says that there are unofficial reports there that the Japanese have captured commanding positions north and northeast of Port Arthur, at a distance of 2000 yards from the main line of Russian defenses.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 8.—Gen. Stoerzel commanding the Russian forces at Port Arthur in a despatch to the Emperor reports that the Russians repulsed all the attacks of the Japs made July 26, 27 and 28 with heavy losses. The Japs losses are estimated at 10,000.

Liao Yang, Aug. 9.—The Japanese are advancing on Mukden and it is expected a simultaneous attack will be made on Mukden and Liao Yang, in which case a decisive battle is expected.

Lhasa, Thibet, Aug. 8.—The British expedition has reached Lhasa, the capital of Thibet, and is encamped a mile from the Dala Lama Palace. The Dala Lama has fled to a monastery 18 miles distant.

Ottawa, Aug. 9.—The British Government has awarded Canada four large guns and 700 Munroe rifles out of the armament captured from the Boers as mementoes of the war.

Montreal, August 9.—The American yacht Whitebear, owned by the Whitebear Club of St. Paul, defeated the Canadian yacht Noorra in the second race for the Sevanashaka cup on Saturday by 55 seconds.

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